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Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

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Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
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Applicants : Matthias DAMMERS et al.  
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Title : **METHOD FOR APPLYING A RECLOSABLE  
POURING ELEMENT TO A CONTAINER AND  
CORRESPONDING CONTAINER**  
Group Art Unit : 3721  
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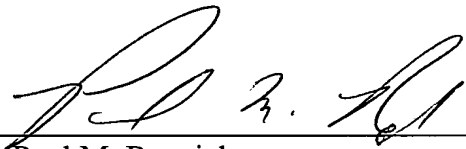
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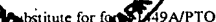
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